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FCC 603	FCC Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Application for Assignments of Authorization and Transfers of Control	Approved by OMB 3060 - 0800 See instructions for public burden estimate Submitted 08/15/2003 at 05:35PM File Number 0001398518
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1) Application Purpose Assignment of Authorization	
2a) If this request is for an Amendment or Withdrawal, enter the File Number of the pending application currently on file with the FCC	File Number
2b) File numbers of related pending applications currently on file with the FCC	

Type of Transaction

3a) Is this a <i>pro forma</i> assignment of authorization or transfer of control? No
3b) If the answer to Item 3a is 'Yes', is this a notification of a <i>pro forma</i> transaction being filed under the Commission's forbearance procedures for telecommunications licenses?
4) For assignment of authorization only, is this a partition and/or disaggregation? No
5a) Does this filing request a waiver of the Commission rules? If 'Yes', attach an exhibit providing the rule numbers and explaining circumstances No
5b) If a feeable waiver request is attached, multiply the number of stations (call signs) times the number of rule sections and enter the result
6) Are attachments being filed with this application? Yes
7a) Does the transaction that is the subject of this application also involve transfer or assignment of other wireless licenses held by the assignor/transferor or affiliates of the assignor/transferor (e.g., parents, subsidiaries, or commonly controlled entities) that are not included on this form and for which Commission approval is required? Yes
7b) Does the transaction that is the subject of this application also involve transfer or assignment of non-wireless licenses that are not included on this form and for which Commission approval is required? Yes

Transaction Information

8) How will assignment of authorization or transfer of control be accomplished? Sale or other assignment or transfer of stock If required by applicable rule, attach as an exhibit a statement on how control is to be assigned or transferred, along with copies of any pertinent contracts, agreements, instruments, certified copies of Court Orders, etc
9) The assignment of authorization or transfer of control of license is Voluntary

Licensee/Assignor Information

10) FCC Registration Number (FRN) 0007480288			
11) First Name (if individual)	MI	Last Name	Suffix
12) Entity Name (if not an individual) WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc. (debtor-in-possession)			
13) Attention To Dennis W Guard			
14) P O Box	And / Or	15) Street Address 1133 Nineteenth Street, NW	
16) City Washington	17) State DC	18) Zip Code 20036	
19) Telephone Number (202)736-6148		20) FAX Number (202)736-6359	
21) E-Mail Address dennis.guard@mci.com			

22) Race, Ethnicity, Gender of Assignor/Licensee (Optional)

Race	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African-American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White
Ethnicity	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino			
Gender	Female	Male			

Transferor Information (for transfers of control only)

23) FCC Registration Number (FRN)			
24) First Name (if individual)	MI	Last Name	Suffix
25) Entity Name (if not an individual)			
26) P O Box	And / Or	27) Street Address	
28) City	29) State	30) Zip Code	
31) Telephone Number		32) FAX Number	
33) E-Mail Address			

Name of Transferor Contact Representative (if other than Transferor) (for transfers of control only)

34) First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix
35) Company Name			
36) P O Box	And / Or	37) Street Address	
38) City	39) State	40) Zip Code	
41) Telephone Number		42) FAX Number	
43) E-Mail Address			

Assignee/Transferee Information

44) The Assignee is a(n) Corporation			
45) FCC Registration Number (FRN) 0003768553			
46) First Name (if individual)	MI	Last Name	Suffix
47) Entity Name (if other than individual) Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp.			
48) Name of Real Party in Interest NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC			49) TIN L00001014
50) Attention To Robin J Cohen			
51) P O Box	And / Or	52) Street Address 2001 Edmund Halley Drive	
53) City Reston	54) State VA	55) Zip Code 20191	
56) Telephone Number (703)433-4000		57) FAX Number (703)433-4035	
58) E-Mail Address			

Name of Assignee/Transferee Contact Representative (if other than Assignee/Transferee)

59) First Name	MI	Last Name	Suffix
60) Company Name			
61) P O Box	And / Or	62) Street Address	
63) City	64) State	65) Zip Code	
66) Telephone Number		67) FAX Number	
68) E-Mail Address			

Alien Ownership Questions

69) Is the Assignee or Transferee a foreign government or the representative of any foreign government?	No
70) Is the Assignee or Transferee an alien or the representative of an alien?	No
71) Is the Assignee or Transferee a corporation organized under the laws of any foreign government?	No
72) Is the Assignee or Transferee a corporation of which more than one-fifth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens or their representatives or by a foreign government or representative thereof or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country?	No
73) Is the Assignee or Transferee directly or indirectly controlled by any other corporation of which more than one-fourth of the capital stock is owned of record or voted by aliens, their representatives, or by a foreign government or representative thereof, or by any corporation organized under the laws of a foreign country? If 'Yes', attach exhibit explaining nature and extent of alien or foreign ownership or control	No

Basic Qualification Questions

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74) Has the Assignee or Transferee or any party to this application had any FCC station authorization, license, construction permit revoked or had any application for an initial, modification or renewal of FCC station authorization, license, construction permit denied by the Commission? If "Yes", attach exhibit explaining circumstances	No
75) Has the Assignee or Transferee or any party to this application, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Assignee or Transferee, or any party to this application ever been convicted of a felony by any state or federal court? If "Yes", attach exhibit explaining circumstances	No
76) Has any court finally adjudged the Assignee or Transferee, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Assignee or Transferee guilty of unlawfully monopolizing or attempting unlawfully to monopolize radio communication, directly or indirectly, through control of manufacture or sale of radio apparatus, exclusive traffic arrangement, or any other means or unfair methods of competition? If "Yes", attach exhibit explaining circumstances	No
77) Is the Assignee or Transferee, or any party directly or indirectly controlling the Assignee or Transferee currently a party in any pending matter referred to in the preceding two items? If "Yes", attach exhibit explaining circumstances	No

78) Race, Ethnicity, Gender of Assignee/Transferee (Optional)

Race:	American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African-American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White
Ethnicity:	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino			
Gender:	Female	Male			

Assignor/Transferor Certification Statements

1) The Assignor or Transferor certifies either (1) that the authorization will not be assigned or that control of the license will not be transferred until the consent of the Federal Communications Commission has been given, or (2) that prior Commission consent is not required because the transaction is subject to streamlined notification procedures for <i>pro forma</i> assignments and transfers by telecommunications carriers. See <i>Memorandum Opinion and Order</i> , 13 FCC Rcd 6293(1998)		2) The Assignor or Transferor certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or in documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith		79) Typed or Printed Name of Party Authorized to Sign	
First Name Donna		MI	Last Name Sorgi		Suffix
80) Title Vice President, Federal Advocacy					
Signature Donna Sorgi		81) Date 08/15/03			

Assignee/Transferee Certification Statements

1) The Assignee or Transferee certifies either (1) that the authorization will not be assigned or that control of the license will not be transferred until the consent of the Federal Communications Commission has been given, or (2) that prior Commission consent is not required because the transaction is subject to streamlined notification procedures for <i>pro forma</i> assignments and transfers by telecommunications carriers. See <i>Memorandum Opinion and Order</i> , 13 FCC Rcd 6293 (1998)		2) The Assignee or Transferee waives any claim to the use of any particular frequency or of the electromagnetic spectrum as against the regulatory power of the United States because of the previous use of the same, whether by license or otherwise, and requests an authorization in accordance with this application		3) The Assignee or Transferee certifies that grant of this application would not cause the Assignee or Transferee to be in violation of any pertinent cross-ownership, attribution, or spectrum cap rule	
4) The Assignee or Transferee agrees to assume all obligations and abide by all conditions imposed on the Assignor or Transferor under the subject authorization(s), unless the Federal Communications Commission pursuant to a request made herein otherwise allows, except for liability for any act done by, or any right accrued by, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced against the Assignor or Transferor prior to this assignment		5) The Assignee or Transferee certifies that all statements made in this application and in the exhibits, attachments, or in documents incorporated by reference are material, are part of this application, and are true, complete, correct, and made in good faith			
6) The Assignee or Transferee certifies that neither it nor any other party to the application is subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1998, 21 U.S.C. § 862, because of a conviction for possession or distribution of a controlled substance. See Section 1.2002(b) of the rules, 47 CFR § 1.2002(b), for the definition of "party to the application" as used in this certification					
7) The applicant certifies that it either (1) has an updated Form 602 on file with the Commission, (2) is filing an updated Form 602 simultaneously with this application, or (3) is not required to file Form 602 under the Commission's rules					

82) Typed or Printed Name of Party Authorized to Sign

First Name Robin		MI J	Last Name Cohen		Suffix
83) Title Manager, Regulatory					
Signature Robin J Cohen		84) Date 08/15/03			

WILLFUL FALSE STATEMENTS MADE ON THIS FORM OR ANY ATTACHMENTS ARE PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001) AND/OR REVOCATION OF ANY STATION LICENSE OR CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 312(a)(1)), AND/OR FORFEITURE (U.S. Code, Title 47, Section 503).

Authorizations To Be Assigned or Transferred

85) Call Sign	86) Radio Service	87) Location Number	88) Path Number (Microwave only)	89) Frequency Number	90) Lower or Center Frequency (MHz)	91) Upper Frequency (MHz)	92) Constructed Yes / No	93) Assignment Indicator
KNLB205	WS						Yes	Full
KNLB291	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL350	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL351	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL352	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL353	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL354	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL355	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL356	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL357	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL358	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL359	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL360	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL361	WS						Yes	Full
WPSL362	WS						Yes	Full

**FCC Form 603
Schedule A**

Schedule for Assignments of Authorization and Transfers of Control in Auctioned Services

Approved by OMB
3060 - 0800
See instructions for public
burden estimate

Assignments of Authorization

1) Assignee Eligibility for Installment Payments (for assignments of authorization only)

Is the Assignee claiming the same category or a smaller category of eligibility for installment payments as the Assignor (as determined by the applicable rules governing the licenses issued to the Assignor)?	No
If 'Yes', is the Assignee applying for installment payments?	

2) Gross Revenues and Total Assets Information (if required) (for assignments of authorization only)

Refer to applicable auction rules for method to determine required gross revenues and total assets information

Year 1 Gross Revenues (current)	Year 2 Gross Revenues	Year 3 Gross Revenues	Total Assets
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3) Certification Statements

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as an Entrepreneur Under the General Rule

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as a Publicly Traded Corporation

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply and that they comply with the definition of a Publicly Traded Corporation, as set out in the applicable FCC rules

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility Using a Control Group Structure

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply

Assignee certifies that the applicant's sole control group member is a pre-existing entity, if applicable

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as a Very Small Business, Very Small Business Consortium, Small Business, or as a Small Business Consortium

Assignee certifies that they are eligible to obtain the licenses for which they apply

Assignee certifies that the applicant's sole control group member is a pre-existing entity, if applicable

For Assignees Claiming Eligibility as a Rural Telephone Company

Assignee certifies that they meet the definition of a Rural Telephone Company as set out in the applicable FCC rules, and must disclose all parties to agreement(s) to partition licenses won in this auction. See applicable FCC rules

Transfers of Control

4) Licensee Eligibility (for transfers of control only)

As a result of transfer of control, must the licensee now claim a larger or higher category of eligibility than was originally declared?

If 'Yes', the new category of eligibility of the licensee is

Certification Statement for Transferees

Transferee certifies that the answers provided in Item 4 are true and correct

Attachment List

Attachment Type	Date	Description	Contents
Other	07/29/03	Dismissal and Revocations Statement	0178615873938775773414429.pdf
Other	08/14/03	Public Interest Statement	0178653363938775773414429.pdf
Other	08/15/03	Appendix A to Public Interest Statement	0178657003938775773414429.pdf
Other	08/15/03	Appendix B to Public Interest Statement	0178657033938775773414429.pdf

DISMISSALS AND REVOCATIONS

In response to FCC Form 603, Item 74, Applicant has had no licenses revoked by the FCC. Applicant hereby provides the circumstances of various insignificant dismissals or denials of applications filed by the applicant and/or its affiliates.

Applicant and/or its affiliates hold many Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") licenses primarily for Special Mobile Radio ("SMR") systems, many authorizing several hundred channels in a station's area of operation. From time to time, an application associated with one of these facilities may be dismissed by the FCC, in whole or in part, typically for technical reasons such as a mistake in calculating the SMR interference protection standards set forth in Sections 90.621(b) of the Commission's Rules. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, however, none of the above-referenced dismissals or revocations was based on a character issue as defined by the FCC's Rules and policies. Therefore, the FCC should find the Applicant has the requisite basic qualifications to be awarded the grant of the instant application.

PUBLIC INTEREST STATEMENT

I. INTRODUCTION

Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp. ("Assignee") and WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc. (debtor-in-possession) ("WBS") and various affiliates of WBS¹ (collectively, "Assignors") hereby request authority, pursuant to section 310(d) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² for approval of assignment of various wireless licenses from Assignors to Assignee (the "Assignment Applications"). The licenses subject to this proposed assignment ("Licenses") are in the following services: Multipoint Distribution Service ("MDS"), Multichannel Multipoint Distribution Service ("MMDS"), Wireless Communications Service ("WCS"), point-to-point microwave, 800 MHz land mobile radio service, cable television relay service ("CARS"), and satellite receive-only earth stations. As described below, the proposed assignment complies with the Commission's rules and will serve the public interest.

II. DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS

A. The Assignors

The licenses that are the subject of the Assignment Applications are held by WBS, a Delaware corporation, and the following entities, each of which is directly or indirectly controlled by WorldCom, Inc. (debtor-in-possession) ("WorldCom"), a Georgia corporation: CS Wireless Systems, Inc. (debtor-in-possession), a Delaware corporation, and Wireless Video Enterprises, Inc. (debtor-in-possession), a California corporation. In July and November 2002, WorldCom and substantially all of its active U.S. subsidiaries, including the Assignors, filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of the United States

Bankruptcy Code to reorganize their business and financial structure. As a result of the bankruptcy filing, WorldCom filed for Commission approval, *inter alia*, of the involuntary *pro forma* assignment of the wireless licenses held by Assignors to the Assignors as debtors-in-possession in July and August of 2002. The Commission granted these applications.³

The Assignors currently provide fixed wireless broadband data services to approximately 1400 small and medium sized business customers in 13 markets.⁴ Service offerings range from symmetrical 384 kbps to 1.5 Mbps downstream/512 kbps upstream.

All of the licenses, including the MDS and MMDS licenses, are operated on a non-common carrier basis. Assignors have never elected to operate as a common carrier, and Assignor has not in fact operated as a common carrier. Rather, as described in more detail below, Assignors have offered service to their customers on an individualized basis, which comports fully with the Commission's Rules.

In particular, Section 21.903(b) of the Commission's Rules provides that "Multipoint Distribution Service stations may render any kind of communications service consistent with the Commission's rules on a common carrier or non-common carrier basis."⁵ The Commission and courts have long recognized that a common carrier "offers service indiscriminately to the general public," whereas private carriers "make individualized decisions regarding the terms and conditions of their service offerings."⁶ That is, while common carriers indiscriminately serve the public, private carriers are "free to determine to whom, and on what terms, service will be offered" even if services are offered on a subscription basis.⁷

Assignors have not indiscriminately held out their service offerings to the public

Nor have Assignors ever filed a tariff for their services. Instead, Assignors negotiate individualized service contracts with their customers.

B. The Assignee

Assignee, a Delaware corporation, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nextel Communications, Inc. ("Nextel"), a Delaware corporation. Nextel currently provides commercial mobile radio service ("CMRS") in some 400 cities in the U.S. serving over eleven million subscribers, and is one of at least six CMRS providers with a national footprint.⁸ Nextel has invested more than \$7 billion to establish a national digital network to provide a full range of wireless communications services in competition with other CMRS providers. Nextel's digital CMRS service integrates in a single mobile handset a digital dispatch service (known as Nextel Direct Connect^(sm)) with interconnected mobile telephone service, Internet access, short messaging and mobile data service.⁹ By offering this integrated package of services, Nextel has become a significant competitor to the established CMRS carriers throughout the U.S. and continues to compete successfully in the provision of CMRS services.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE TRANSACTION

On June 3, 2003, WorldCom received bankruptcy court approval to conduct an auction to sell certain assets, including the rights in and to the Licenses held by the Assignors. This auction was held on June 26-27, 2003, and following its conclusion, WorldCom determined that the Assignee had submitted the highest and best offer in the auction. The Assignors and Assignee subsequently entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement, dated July 8, 2003, for the sale of substantially all of the assets of the

Assignors, including the rights in and to the Licenses, to Assignee for \$144 million in cash and non-cash consideration consisting of a three year extension of a customer contract between subsidiaries of WorldCom and Nextel. On July 22, 2003, the bankruptcy court entered an Order approving, among other things, the terms and conditions of the Asset Purchase Agreement, as modified in certain respects. Attached as Exhibit II 6 to FCC Form 305 is a copy of the Asset Purchase Agreement.¹⁰ The Assignors and the Assignee now seek Commission consent to the assignment of the Licenses to Assignee as contemplated by this Agreement

IV. THE PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT COMPLIES WITH THE COMMISSION'S RULES AND WILL SERVE THE PUBLIC INTEREST

A. The Proposed Transaction Will Enhance Nextel's Ability to Offer New Digital Wireless Services to Consumers

Although Nextel is still in the process of developing specific business and technical plans for the use of the Licenses, the proposed assignment would provide it with additional spectrum capacity and flexibility to expand its digital wireless services and 3G mobile innovations. Nextel has engaged in a number of transactions to acquire spectrum licenses over the past ten years. Nextel has often taken underutilized spectrum (particularly SMR spectrum), invested significantly in technology, and increased the number of subscribers supported on the spectrum by orders of magnitude. Nextel plans to apply the expertise it has gained in these prior transactions to the spectrum rights it proposes to acquire here. Much of the spectrum the Commission has allocated for MDS and MMDS has been underutilized over the past several years. Nextel is an industry leader in developing and providing innovative wireless products, services, and solutions, and will apply this same leadership, along with its technical expertise in developing

underutilized spectrum, to the MDS and other spectrum rights it would acquire under the proposed assignment.¹¹ The proposed transaction will enhance consumers' competitive alternatives by furthering Nextel's ability to offer a greater menu of the wireless services consumers are demanding in today's marketplace, thus furthering the Commission's goals of maximizing the efficient use of the spectrum and promoting competition. The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has recognized that Nextel's deployment of efficient digital technologies provides a direct public interest benefit, and the addition of Assignors' spectrum will enhance Nextel's ability to continue this trend.¹²

The Commission has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("*MDS/ITFS NPRM*") that proposes substantial changes to the rules governing MDS, MMDS, and Instructional Television Fixed Service ("*ITFS*") licenses.¹³ These proposed changes will have a significant impact on the use of these licenses, whether by Nextel or any other licensee. The *MDS/ITFS NPRM* (at ¶¶ 49-57, 98-106) seeks comment on realigning the MDS and ITFS bands and the appropriate mechanism for transitioning incumbent licensees to the realigned band plan. Nextel has acquired substantial experience that would prove quite useful in such a transitioning process. In particular, over the past five years, Nextel has relocated numerous incumbent licensees in the 800 MHz band to clear SMR channels for CMRS use in Economic Areas throughout the country. Grant of the Assignment Applications would permit Nextel to apply this experience to the planning and implementation of the Commission's proposed realignment of the MDS and ITFS bands. This, in turn, would help advance the *MDS/ITFS NPRM*'s goals of promoting competition, innovation and investment in these bands.¹⁴

B. The Proposed Assignment Will Have No Anticompetitive Effects

The proposed license assignments raise no competition issues because the Assignors and the Assignee compete in different product markets. As described above, Assignors offer *fixed* wireless broadband data services to small and medium-sized businesses on a non-common carrier basis, while Nextel offers CMRS.¹⁵ These different services are not reasonable substitutes for each other. A consumer seeking a CMRS provider clearly does not view the fixed services currently offered over the Licenses as an option, while a business customer seeking a broadband data service does not view Nextel's current mobile telecommunications services as an option. Indeed, in its most recent report regarding the deployment of advanced telecommunications services, the Commission listed cable modem service, DSL, optical technologies, terrestrial fixed wireless services (including MDS and WCS), and satellite services as "last mile" high-speed data technologies, but did not include CMRS in this list of competitors.¹⁶

Even assuming the Assignors and the Assignee competed in the same product and geographic markets, the proposed transaction would not raise competition concerns. The Commission has found that "there is effective competition in the CMRS marketplace," including in rural areas.¹⁷ Nextel's acquisition of Assignors' rights in the Licenses clearly will not diminish this robust competition in any area. The Assignors have no mobile telecommunications service customers, and have only 1400 fixed wireless customers in 13 markets – well under one tenth of one percent of the total number of high-speed data subscribers in the business sector.¹⁸ Moreover, although Nextel intends to use the Licenses to provide innovative services to customers, the current band plan and technical rules governing the MMDS spectrum, which makes up a significant portion of the Licenses, makes the provision of such services difficult. As the Commission has

recognized in the pending proceeding that proposes to revise these rules, “the existing regulatory structure has limited the ability of operators to deploy two-way services and made it nearly impossible to provide mobile services.”¹⁹

C. The Assignee Is Qualified to Hold the Licenses

The Assignee is legally, financially, technically, and otherwise qualified to hold the Licenses. The Assignee is not a cable operator, and therefore the proposed transaction does not implicate the cable-MDS cross-ownership provisions set forth in section 613 of the Act and section 21.912 of the Commission’s rules.²⁰ The proposed Assignment will also comply with the foreign ownership provisions of section 310 of the Act and section 21.4 of the Commission’s Rules.²¹

V. PROCEDURAL ISSUES

A. Sections 1.935 and 21.29 of the Rules

In response to objections raised in the bankruptcy proceeding by various ITFS and MMDS licensees (“Spectrum Lessors”) who have entered into excess capacity agreements with WBS or its affiliates, WorldCom and Nextel amended the Asset Purchase Agreement on July 22, 2003 to modify, among other things, Sections 7.26 and 7.29 of the Agreement (the “Modifications”). See Appendix A hereto. The Modifications expanded and clarified the rights of the Spectrum Lessors to access certain equipment and towers used or useful for their operations.

In exchange for WorldCom and Nextel agreeing to make the Modifications, the Spectrum Lessors agreed to withdraw their objections in the bankruptcy court. There was no other consideration, cash or non-cash, given by WorldCom or Nextel to the Spectrum Lessors, or from the Spectrum Lessors to WorldCom or Nextel. Further, there

was no written or verbal agreement between the Spectrum Lessors and WorldCom or between the Spectrum Lessors and Nextel that would prohibit the Spectrum Lessors from filing petitions to deny, informal objections, or any other pleading at the Commission regarding the Assignment Applications. As a consequence, sections 1.935 and 21.29 of the Commission's rules, which govern agreements to dismiss FCC pleadings in certain cases, are not applicable.²²

B. WorldCom Reorganization Transaction

WorldCom and its subsidiaries (as debtors-in-possession) have filed applications ("Reorganization Applications") to assign various FCC authorizations and licenses, including the Licenses, to these subsidiaries operating under the newly reorganized MCI, Inc. ("Reorganized Entity") as part of its emergence from Chapter 11 bankruptcy. The Commission placed these Reorganization Applications on Public Notice on July 9, 2003.²³

As contemplated by the July 9, 2003 Public Notice (at note 12), the Assignment Applications to assign the Licenses from the Assignors (as debtors-in-possession) to the Assignee are being filed during the pendency of the Reorganization Applications. The Assignors and the Assignee request that the Assignment Applications be accepted for filing and processed separately from the Reorganization Applications. As provided in the July 9, 2003 Public Notice, upon grant and consummation of the Assignment Applications, WorldCom will amend its Reorganization Applications to remove the Licenses from that proposed transaction to the extent the Reorganization Applications are still pending before the Commission. In the event the Reorganization Applications are approved and consummated prior to the grant of the Assignment Applications, the

Assignors will file any necessary amendments to the Assignment Applications to reflect the assignment and/or transfer of the Licenses to the Reorganized Entity. In such an event, the Assignors and the Assignee request a blanket exemption from any applicable cut-off rules so that any such amendment to the Assignment Applications would not be treated as a major amendment requiring a second public notice period. Treatment of these applications in this manner would be consistent with prior FCC decisions regarding the processing of assignment or transfer applications that are affected by larger transactions undertaken for legitimate business purposes ²⁴

C. New Authorizations, Construction Permits, and Pending Applications

The Assignors have on file applications for new or modified facilities and may file for additional authorizations for new or modified facilities, which may be granted during the pendency of the Assignment Applications. Accordingly, the Assignors and the Assignee request that the Commission's grant of the Assignment Applications include authorization for the Assignee to receive assignment of: (1) any authorizations issued to the Assignors in the following services: MDS, MMDS, WCS, point-to-point microwave, 800 MHz land mobile radio service, CARS, and satellite receive-only earth stations from the date of the Assignment Applications until the consummation of the transaction following Commission approval, (2) construction permits held by the Assignors that mature into licenses after closing and that may have been omitted from the Assignment Applications; and (3) applications that have been, or which may be, filed by the Assignors and that are pending at the time of consummation of the transaction. Such action would be consistent with prior decisions of the Commission.²⁵

VI. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, the assignment of the licenses to the Assignor will comply with the Commission's rules and serve the public interest. The Assignors and the Assignee consequently request that the Commission grant the Assignment Applications.

1 *See, infra*, Section I.A

2 47 U.S.C. § 310(d)

3 *See Public Notice*, Report No. SES-00417 (Aug. 7, 2002); *Public Notice*, DA 02-3350 (Dec. 5, 2002); *Public Notice*, Report No. 3878 (Dec. 18, 2002).

4 WBS plans to terminate its broadband data service to these 1400 customers on September 30, 2003. WBS has notified these customers of this planned termination of service by letter dated July 25, 2003. WBS customers may terminate service prior to September 30 without incurring an early termination penalty, and WBS will work to provide customers with alternative means of obtaining broadband access. WBS will file the appropriate notification with the Commission seven days prior to the termination of service. Because the Licenses are not operated on a common carrier basis, the provisions of Sections 21.910 and 27.66(b), 47 C.F.R. §§ 21.910, 27.66(b), do not apply to WBS's planned termination of service. WBS and Nextel are aware of the Commission's service requirements and will provide services consistent with the FCC's rules prior to and after closing of the assignment applications

5 47 C.F.R. § 21.903(b).

6 *See, e.g., In the Matter of Request for Extension of Waiver of Mobil Oil Telecom, Ltd., Order*, 5 FCC Rcd 5812, ¶ 2 (1990); *See also National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners v. FCC*, 525 F.2d 630 (D.C. Cir.), *cert. denied*, 425 U.S. 992 (1976)

7 *See, e.g., In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 0, 1, 2, and 95 of the Commission's Rules to Provide Interactive Video and Data Services*, Report and Order, FCC Rcd 1630, ¶ 54 (1992)

8 *See In the Matter of Implementation of Section 6002(b) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993*, Eighth Report, FCC 03-150, WT Docket No. 02-379, ¶ 40 (released July 14, 2003) ("Eighth CMRS Competition Report").

9 Nextel's Direct Connect is a significant advancement over traditional analog dispatch services because it expands the typical dispatch service coverage area, uses the spectrum more efficiently, and provides extra security through the use of digital technology.

10 The parties have included with the Asset Purchase Agreement all of the publicly available schedules. The other schedules, which contain sensitive commercial information, were filed under seal with the Bankruptcy Court

11 Although MDS Channels 1 and 2 and the other MDS and MDS channels are located in different spectrum bands (2.1 GHz and 2.5 GHz), Nextel currently has no plans to treat the MDS and MDS spectrum rights it would acquire under the proposed transaction differently for purposes of offering services to customers

¹² *In re Applications of Pittencrieff Communications, Inc. Transferor, and Nextel Communications, Inc. Transferee, For Consent to Transfer Control of Pittencrieff Communications, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 8935, ¶ 65 (WTB 1997), *In re Applications of Chadmoore Wireless Group, Inc. and Various Subsidiaries of Nextel Communications, Inc. For Consent to Assignment of Licenses*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 21105, ¶ 19 (2001); *In re Applications of Pacific Wireless Technologies, Inc. and Nextel Of California, Inc. For Consent to Assignment of Licenses*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 16 FCC Rcd 20341, ¶ 18 (2001).

¹³ *In the Matter of Amendment of Parts 1, 21, 73, 74 and 101 of the Commission's Rules to Facilitate the Provision of Fixed and Mobile Broadband Access, Educational and Other Advanced Services in the 2150-2162 and 2500-2690 MHz Bands*, 18 FCC Rcd 6722 (2003)

¹⁴ *MDS/ITFS NPRM* ¶ 1

¹⁵ The Commission has previously treated CMRS providers as part of a single product market. See *In the Matter of Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act*, Third Report and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 7988, ¶¶ 37 *et seq.* (1994), see also *Applications of Nextel Communications, Inc. for Transfer of Control of OneComm Corporation*, Order, 10 FCC Rcd 3361, ¶ 27 (WTB 1995); *In the Matter of Applications of Motorola, Inc. For Consent to Assign 800 MHz Licenses to Nextel Communications, Inc.*, Order, 10 FCC Rcd 7783, ¶ 17 (WTB 1995). Moreover, Congress created the CMRS classification of mobile services in 1993 due to the convergence of numerous private and common carrier mobile services, such as cellular, 800 MHz SMR and 900 MHz SMR, that were fulfilling similar consumer needs through similar service offerings. *Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993*, Pub. L. No. 103-66, 107 Stat. 312 (1993).

¹⁶ *Inquiry Concerning the Deployment of Advanced Telecommunications Capability to All Americans in a Reasonable and Timely Fashion, and Possible Steps to Accelerate Such Deployment Pursuant to Section 706 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*, Third Report, 17 FCC Rcd 2844, ¶¶ 42-60 (2002) (“2002 Advanced Services Deployment Report”). In this report, the Commission defined a “high-speed” data service as providing a downstream or upstream transmission speed of more than 200 kilobits per second (“kbps”). *Id.* ¶ 9. Although CMRS carriers, including Nextel, offer mobile data services, the data rates of these services currently fall below 200 kbps. See *Eighth CMRS Competition Report* ¶ 18 (mobile telephone carriers offer mobile data services at “data transfer speeds typically ranging from 30 to 70 [kbps] per second..., with maximum data rates of up to 144 kbps for some carriers”).

¹⁷ *Eighth CMRS Competition Report* ¶¶ 12-13

¹⁸ See *2002 Advanced Services Deployment Report* ¶¶ 30-31 (reporting that, as of June 30, 2001, there were a total of approximately 7.8 million high-speed residential subscribers and 1.8 million high-speed lines in service to large business and institutional customers).

19 *MDS/ITFS NPRM* ¶ 2 n.3

20 47 U.S.C. § 533(a); 47 C.F.R. § 21.912.

21 47 U.S.C. § 310, 47 C.F.R. § 21.4

22 In an abundance of caution, Nextel and WorldCom are providing Declarations from each party that certify that there was no consideration given by WorldCom or Nextel to the Spectrum Lessors, or from the Spectrum Lessors to WorldCom or Nextel. Those declarations are attached at Appendix B.

23 *Public Notice*, DA 03-2193, WC Docket No. 02-215 (released July 9, 2003).

24 *See, e.g., In the Matter of Applications of PacifiCorp Holdings, Inc. and Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 8891, ¶ 45 (WTB 1997), *In the Matter of Applications of Craig O. McCaw and American Telephone and Telegraph Co.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 5836, ¶ 137 n.300 (1994), *In the Matter of Application of Centel Corp. and Sprint Corp.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 8 FCC Rcd 1829, ¶ 23 (CCB 1993)

25 *See, e.g., AT&T-MediaOne Merger Order*, 15 FCC Rcd 9816, ¶ 185 (2000), *In the Matter of Applications of PacifiCorp Holdings, Inc. and Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 13 FCC Rcd 8891, ¶¶ 45, 47 (WTB 1997), *In the Matter of Applications of Pacific Telesis Group and SBC Communications, Inc.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 2624, ¶ 93 (1997); *In the Matter of Applications of Craig O. McCaw and American Telephone and Telegraph Co.*, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 9 FCC Rcd 5836, ¶ 137 n.300 (1994).

APPENDIX A

EXHIBIT E
AMENDMENTS TO THE AGREEMENT

1 The definition of "FCC Rules" in Section 1.01 of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"'FCC Rules' means Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended at any time and from time to time, and any and all FCC decisions and policies issued pursuant to such regulations and the Communications Act, as hereinafter defined."

2. Section 5.04(iii) of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"(iii) filings with and approvals of the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") as required under the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, (the "Communications Act") and the FCC Rules,"

3. Section 6.04(iii) of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows.

"(iii) filings with and approvals of the FCC as required under the Communications Act and the FCC Rules,"

4. Section 2.02(iv) of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"(iv) the rights in and to the FCC Licenses listed on Schedule 2.02(iv), and any Company Pending Applications that are granted and licenses that are issued as a result thereof by the FCC to any Seller during the period from the date of this Agreement to the Closing Date (the "Company FCC Licenses");"

5. The second sentence of Section 5.06(a) of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows

"For the avoidance of doubt, the foregoing sentence of this Section 5.06(a) does not apply to Sellers' rights, titles, if any, and interests under (i) the Real Property Leases, which are instead addressed in Section 5.07 or (ii) FCC Licenses, which are instead addressed in Sections 5.11, 5.12 and 5.13."

6. Section 7.26(b) (Favorable Title Ruling) of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"(b) Favorable Title Ruling.

(i) If the Bankruptcy Court rules that a Seller has good title to the Common Equipment and that Seller is entitled to transfer good title to such Common Equipment to Purchaser free and clear of all Liens (other than those that would be terminated at the Closing pursuant to the Approval Order), then such

Seller shall transfer such Common Equipment to Purchaser at the Closing as provided in this Agreement.

(ii) In the event that a Seller rejects an Affected Lessor's spectrum lease, then (A) Sellers shall, at their sole option, either continue to operate and permit such Affected Lessor to use the Common Equipment until the Closing Date or, if Sellers cease to operate such Common Equipment, will provide such Affected Lessor with thirty (30) days prior written notice of ceasing to operate such equipment and (B) subject to subsection (iv) of this Section 7.26(b), (x) after the Closing and for so long as Purchaser continues to operate the Common Equipment, Purchaser will provide such Affected Lessor with free use of and physical access to such Common Equipment; (y) if Purchaser ceases to use the Common Equipment, then Purchaser shall (1) provide written notice of such discontinuance to the Affected Lessor, and (2) grant the Affected Lessor a one time option to purchase or otherwise acquire the Common Equipment within thirty (30) days of the date of such notice, on the terms and conditions (other than with respect to the timing of the purchase or acquisition) set forth in the Affected Lessor's rejected spectrum lease; and (z) if Purchaser wishes to terminate, not renew or otherwise abandon a Tower Site Lease with respect to a Transmission Tower or Tower Site upon which Common Equipment is located or otherwise ceases to use such Transmission Tower or Tower Site, Purchaser shall offer to assign such Tower Site Lease to the Affected Lessor subject to the receipt of any third party consents and approvals that may be necessary in connection with such assignment; *provided, however*, that Purchaser shall have no obligation to incur any out-of-pocket costs or expenses in connection with such assignment (including, without limitation, legal fees and expenses) unless Purchaser has received a written undertaking from the Affected Lessor (in form and substance satisfactory to Purchaser), to reimburse or pay Purchaser for such reasonable costs or expenses or otherwise enters into a similar expense arrangement that is satisfactory to Purchaser, in which case Purchaser shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate such assignment; *provided, further*, that the Affected Lessor must accept Purchaser's offer to assign such Tower Site Lease within thirty (30) days after the date of written notice of such offer.

(iii) If an Affected Lessor fails to exercise its option to purchase or acquire the Common Equipment or assume the Tower Site Lease within the aforementioned thirty (30)-day periods, Purchaser shall have no further obligation to sell, assign, transfer or otherwise convey the Common Equipment or the related Tower Site Lease, as applicable, to the Affected Lessor and shall have no further obligation to provide use of or physical access to such Common Equipment to the Affected Lessor.

(iv) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement or any Ancillary Agreement, Purchaser's obligation to comply with the provisions of Section 7.26(b)(ii) are conditioned upon Purchaser receiving a written agreement and acknowledgment from the Affected Lessor addressed to Purchaser

to the effect that: (A) Purchaser is in no way assuming any of the obligations under the rejected spectrum lease (or under any other spectrum lease which is not included in the final Acquired Assets); (B) although Purchaser will grant free use of the Common Equipment as provided in Section 7.26(b)(ii), Purchaser will not have any obligation to maintain such Common Equipment or any responsibility for the functionality of that Common Equipment; (C) the Affected Lessor will not be entitled to physical access to Common Equipment unless (i) Purchaser will incur no fees, charges, expenses or other costs in connection with providing such access, (ii) Purchaser gives its prior written consent to such access (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed), and (iii) either Purchaser's Tower Site Lease expressly permits Purchaser to allow such Affected Lessor to have physical access to the Common Equipment or such Affected Lessor has obtained written permission to physically access the Common Equipment from the lessor under the Tower Site Lease; (D) if Purchaser consents to the Affected Lessor receiving physical access to the Common Equipment as contemplated in the preceding clause (C), the Affected Lessor must (i) comply with any and all reasonable conditions imposed by Purchaser in connection with granting such access, including, without limitation, any requirement that such access occur under the supervision of Purchaser's designated technical specialists and in a manner that does not interfere with the operation of the Transmission Tower or premises, (ii) in a writing signed by Purchaser and such Affected Lessor, to the extent permitted by law, indemnify Purchaser and hold Purchaser harmless from and against any loss, cost or damage suffered or incurred by Purchaser or any claim against Purchaser that may arise from or in connection with the Affected Lessor's physical access to the Common Equipment and/or entry to the premises, Transmission Tower or Tower Site, (iii) maintain comprehensive general liability (occurrence) insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 covering any accident, injury or claim for damages or other recourse arising in connection with Purchaser granting physical access to the Common Equipment and/or entry to the premises, Transmission Tower or Tower Site to the Affected Lessor, to be evidenced by delivering to Purchaser, prior to the Affected Lessor physically accessing the Common Equipment and/or entering the premises, Transmission Tower or Tower Site, a certificate of insurance that names the Purchaser as an additional insured thereunder, or in the event that the Affected Lessor is a governmental instrumentality that is self-insured under state law, provides evidence of self-insurance in an amount not less than \$1,000,000; and (iv) restore the premises, Transmission Tower and Tower Site and any improvements thereto to the condition in which the same were found before any such entry upon the premises, Transmission Tower or Tower Site was undertaken; (E) the duration of any right to use the Common Equipment shall cease upon the earlier to occur of (i) the expiration of the thirty (30) day offer period within which to purchase or acquire the Common Equipment after Purchaser discontinues use of the Common Equipment, or (ii) the expiration of the thirty (30) day offer period within which to assume a Tower Site Lease as contemplated in Section 7.26(b)(ii)(C); (F) the Affected Lessor may not assign its right to use Common Equipment or its right to assume a Tower Site Lease and any attempt to do so will terminate the Affected

Lessor's right to assume such Tower Site Lease and any right to use such Common Equipment; and (G) Purchaser's obligations under this Section 7.26(b) shall immediately terminate without liability to Purchaser if the Affected Lessor leases the spectrum under its FCC License to any Person other than Purchaser or one of its Affiliates.

(v) For the avoidance of doubt, the provisions of this Section 7.26(b) shall be applied on a site-by-site basis with respect to the Common Equipment located at such site and neither Sellers nor Purchaser shall have any obligation to operate, provide use of or access to Common Equipment to an Affected Lessor at any other Transmission Tower or Tower Site."

7. Section 7.29(b) (Third Party Dedicated Equipment) of the Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

"(b) Subject to the provisions of Section 7.29(a), within six (6) months after the Closing Date, Sellers shall sell, assign, transfer, convey and deliver all of their respective right, title and interest in and to any Third Party Dedicated Equipment at its fair market value to the third party holder of the ITFS FCC License to whom such equipment's use is dedicated, on reasonable terms and conditions otherwise satisfactory to Sellers. Prior to any such sale, Sellers shall permit such ITFS FCC licensees to continue to use such equipment free of charge; *provided, however*, that Sellers shall have no obligation to maintain, repair, insure or operate any Third Party Dedicated Equipment or any responsibility for the functionality of such equipment. If and to the extent that Sellers do not sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such equipment within six (6) months after the Closing Date, then Sellers shall execute a bill of sale to assign and transfer the remaining equipment not so disposed of to Purchaser at no cost to Purchaser; *provided, however*, that if prior to such date Sellers have entered into an agreement to sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such remaining equipment, Sellers shall transfer the same to Purchasers only if and when such agreement is terminated prior to the consummation of such sale, assignment, transfer or other disposition."

8. The following paragraph shall be inserted as a new paragraph at the end of Section 7.29(b) (Third Party Dedicated Equipment) of the Agreement:

"If any Third Party Dedicated Equipment is located on a portion of an acquired Transmission Tower or a Transmission Tower or Tower Site that is the subject of an acquired Tower Site Lease, after the Closing, Purchaser shall provide the owner of such equipment with continued authorization to locate that Third Party Dedicated Equipment on Purchaser's leased portion of that Transmission Tower or Tower Site, or if that Transmission Tower is an acquired Transmission Tower, on the portion of that Transmission Tower where such Third Party Dedicated Equipment is located as of the date of this Agreement, on commercially reasonable terms (including economic terms) to be agreed between Purchaser and the owner of such equipment; *provided, however*, that

(i) Purchaser's obligations under this Section 7.29 with respect to the Third Party Dedicated Equipment shall immediately terminate without liability to Purchaser if the owner of such equipment leases the spectrum under its FCC License to any Person other than Purchaser or one of its Affiliates, (ii) the owner of the Third Party Dedicated Equipment may not assign its right to locate the Third Party Dedicated Equipment on the applicable Transmission Tower or Tower Site and any attempt to do so will terminate Purchaser's obligation to permit the owner of such equipment to locate such Third Party Dedicated Equipment on such Transmission Tower or Tower Site, (iii) Purchaser is in no way assuming any of the obligations under any rejected spectrum lease relating to such Third Party Dedicated Equipment, (iv) although Purchaser will authorize the continued location of Third Party Dedicated Equipment on Transmission Towers or Tower Sites as contemplated above, Purchaser will not have any obligation to maintain Third Party Dedicated Equipment, any Transmission Tower or any Tower Site or any responsibility for the functionality of any Third Party Dedicated Equipment, any Transmission Tower or any Tower Site, (v) Sellers shall be authorized to locate any Third Party Dedicated Equipment it may own upon the premises or Transmission Tower where it is located as of the date of this Agreement for the six (6)-month period following the Closing Date free of charge, and (vi) the duration of any authorization to locate Third Party Dedicated Equipment on any portion of any Transmission Tower or Tower Site pursuant to this paragraph shall terminate, with reasonable prior notice to the owner of such equipment, upon the earlier to occur of (A) Purchaser's discontinued use of any essential equipment currently located on the Transmission Tower or Tower Site, or (B) Purchaser's termination or abandonment of the Tower Site Lease or Transmission Tower, as applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, if Sellers sell, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of any Third Party Dedicated Equipment after the Closing in compliance with Sellers' obligations under this Section 7.29, then provided such assignee or transferee is the holder of the ITFS FCC License to whom such equipment's use is dedicated, Purchaser shall provide the new owner of such equipment with the same rights as set forth in this paragraph (other than the rights set forth in subsection (v) of this paragraph), provided that the new owner and Purchaser can agree upon commercially reasonable terms for the continued location of the equipment on Purchaser's leased portion of that Transmission Tower or Tower Site, or if that Transmission Tower is an acquired Transmission Tower, on the portion of that Transmission Tower where such Third Party Dedicated Equipment is located as of the date of this Agreement."

9. The following items shall be added at the end of the Tower Site Leases portion of Schedule 2.02(i) (Real Property Leases) of the Agreement, such items to be additional Tower Site Leases:

State	Market	Lessor	Site Address	Expiration Date	Monthly Payment
CA	Los Angeles	MultiInvestment Assoc.	3375 Rio Honda El Monte, CA	2006.03.16	2,659.00
CA	Los Angeles	Bedford Property	3002 Dow Ave Tustin, CA	2006.01.31	2,878.00

APPENDIX B

DECLARATION OF JOHN COAKLEY

I am employed by WorldCom, Inc. as Director, Corporate Development.

I was responsible for negotiating the Asset Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement") dated July 8, 2003 for the sale of substantially all of the assets of WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc. (the "Assets") to Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp. ("Nextel"), a subsidiary of Nextel Communications, Inc., for \$144 million in cash and non-cash consideration consisting of a 3 year extension of a customer contract between subsidiaries of WorldCom, Inc. and Nextel Communications, Inc.

The Purchase Agreement was amended on July 22, 2003 to modify, among other things, Sections 7.26 and 7.29 (the "Modifications"). The Modifications expanded and clarified the rights of spectrum lessors to access certain equipment and towers used or useful for their operations.

In exchange for WorldCom and Nextel agreeing to make the Modifications, various ITFS and MMDS lessors (the "Spectrum Lessors") who had filed with the Bankruptcy Court objections or limited objections to the sale of the Assets, agreed to withdraw their objections. There was no other consideration, cash or non-cash, given by WorldCom to the Spectrum Lessors, or from the Spectrum Lessors to WorldCom. Further, there was no written or verbal agreement between WorldCom and the Spectrum Lessors that would prohibit the Spectrum Lessors from filing petitions to deny, informal objections or any other pleadings with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in response to the assignment of license applications to be filed by WorldCom to assign to Nextel the FCC Licenses that are part of the Assets.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

By


John Coakley

Date

8-5-03

DECLARATION OF JOHN WILLMOTH

I am employed by Nextel Communications, Inc. as Vice President

and am responsible for negotiating the Asset Purchase Agreement ("Purchase Agreement") dated January 20, 2003 for the sale of substantially all of the assets of WorldCom Broadband Solutions, Inc. ("Assets") to Nextel Spectrum Acquisition Corp. ("Nextel SA") subsidiary of Nextel Communications, Inc. for \$144 million in cash and in cash consideration consisting of a 3 year extension of a customer contract between subsidiary of WorldCom, Inc. and Nextel Communications, Inc.

The Purchase Agreement was amended on July 22, 2003 to modify and amend other things Sections 7.26 and 7.29 (the "Modifications"). The Modifications expanded and clarified the rights of spectrum lessors to access certain equipment and towers used or useful for the operations.

The change for WorldCom and Nextel agreeing to make the Modifications to various DTS and MMDs by the Spectrum Lessors, who had filed with the Bankruptcy Court objections or limited objections to the sale of the Assets, agreed to withdraw their objections. There was no other consideration, cash or non-cash, given by Nextel to the Spectrum Lessors or from the Spectrum Lessors to Nextel. Further, there was no written agreement, executed between Nextel and the Spectrum Lessors that would prohibit the Spectrum Lessors from filing petitions to deny informal objections or any other petitions with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") in response to the assignment of license implications to be filed by WorldCom to assign to Nextel the FCC License of the part of the Assets.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

b. 
John Willmoth

c. August 5, 2003